

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 2. This sheet replaces the original sheet.

Attachment

Amendment to the Abstract:

The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract is attached.

~~The invention relates to a~~ A partition for the inside of a bag, especially for a handbag, ~~is disclosed, said. The partition comprising includes~~ a receiving part for at least one flat light source. Furthermore, the partition is transparent at least in the region of the at least one light source, on at least one side. ~~A bag including the partition is also disclosed.~~

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Remarks/Arguments:

With the present response, claims 1-20 are pending. Claim 20 has been added and includes language deleted from claim 8.

The Examiner is thanked for the verbal clarification on 30 November, 2007 that the 19 February 2005 dates listed on the Office Action Summary are incorrect and should read "19 December 2005," which is the date that the present application was filed in the USPTO.

Objections

Title

The Title has been objected to as not being descriptive. Applicant has amended the title to conform with the suggestion in the Office Action. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Abstract

The Abstract has been objected to as failing to concisely describe the subject matter of the invention and for including phrases that can be implied. Applicant has amended the Abstract to concisely describe the subject matter of the invention and to delete phrases that can be implied. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Drawings

The drawings stand objected to for including the reference number 8 that was not mentioned in the description. Reference number 8 has been deleted from Fig. 2. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claims

Claim 1 stands objected to for reciting the limitation "Said partition" in claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to recite "A partition." Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claims 2-19 stand objected to for the same reasons as claim 1. Claims 2-19 have been amended to correct the objected language. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claim Rejections

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 2, 8 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 2 and 14 have been amended to remove the language "for example," "such as," and "the like." Claims 2 and 14 have also been amended to replace the term "Velcro" with "hook-and-loop." The specification has been amended to provide support for this amendment. Claim 8 has been amended to remove the example. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-4, 7-16, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by the U.S. Patent No. 5,067,063 to Granneman et al. ("Granneman"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a partition for the interior space of a bag, especially for a handbag. The partition has a receiving part for at least one flat light source. The partition is transparent on at least one side at least in the area of the at least one light source.

Independent claim 9 recites, *inter alia*, a bag with a lighting means for illuminating the interior of said bag. The lighting means comprises at least one flat light source. The at least one light source is designed such that *the at least one light source forms a partition for the interior space of said bag*. At least one partition, which has a receiving part for the at least one flat light source, is provided in the interior space of said bag. The partition is transparent on at least one side at least in the area of the at least one light source.

In order to anticipate a claim under 35 U.S.C. §102, the reference must teach every element of the claim. M.P.E.P. §2131. Furthermore, "the identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the . . . claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236 (Fed. Cir. 1989) and M.P.E.P. §2131.

Granneman discloses a lamp 22 that is mounted on the interior lining of a handbag 38. Granneman, col. 3, lines 13-14. Granneman further discloses that lamp 22 could slide into a pocket having a clear window. Granneman, col.3, lines 15-17. In another embodiment, Granneman discloses a lamp 22 mounted between interior lining 42 and outside wall 46 of a handbag 38. Granneman, col. 3, lines 43-45.

Each of claims 1 and 9 recites a partition. By way of example only, Applicant's FIG. 2 discloses a claimed partition 3 in use in a bag 1. Partition 3 is used to partition the interior 2 of bag 1 into two separate compartments. Lamp 22 disclosed in Granneman, however, does not form a *partition*, but is merely adhered to lining 42. Further, Granneman fails to disclose or suggest that *the partition* is transparent, as is recited in each of claims 1 and 9.

Because Granneman fails to disclose or suggest every limitation in each of independent claims 1 and 9. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 1 and 9 is improper. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 9. Claims 2-4, 7, and 8 all ultimately depend from claim 1 and claims 10-16 and 19 all ultimately depend from claim 9. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-4, 7, 8, 10-16, and 19 are all allowable over Granneman for at least the same reasons set forth above with respect to claims 1 and 9. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-4, 7, 8, 10-16, and 19.

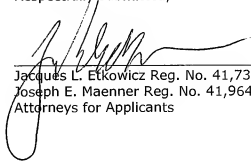
Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 5, 6, 17, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Granneman. Claims 5 and 6 depend from claim 1 and claims 17 and 18 depend from claim 9. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 5 and 6 and claims 17 and 18 are allowable over Granneman for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claims 1 and 9, respectively. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 5, 6, 17, and 19.

Conclusion

In light of the above amendments and arguments, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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